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GLASS

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The invention relates to compositions of tungsten and molybdenum glasses, which are used, for example, in the manufacture of parts of three-phase metal halide lamps, the

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envelopes of which must have elevated for thermal stability and softening point.

This glass can be used in electric, radio and lighting technology.

There are known refractory glasses of the aluminosilicate system for joining to tungsten and molybdenum having the following composition, wt%:

SiO ₂	54-65
Al ₂ O ₃	15-22
CaO and MgO together	7-30
PbO	10 [1]

Closest in technical essence and end result to the described glass is a glass of the following composition, wt%:

SiO ₂	55-70
B ₂ O ₃	0-10
Al ₂ O ₃	13-25
RO	10-25

where RO is at least one oxide from the group MgO, CaO, SrO, BaO [2].

Shortcomings of these glasses are insufficient thermal stability and darkening along with solarization of the glasses during use.

The goal of the invention is an improvement of thermal stability and prevention of solarization of the glass.

To achieve this goal, the known glass, which contains SiO₂, B₂O₃, Al₂O₃, CaO, MgO and BaO, additionally contains at least one oxide from the group As₂O₃, Sb₂O₃, SO₂, SnO₂ and CeO₂ in the following ratio of components, wt%:

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	55-65
SiO ₂	5-18
B ₂ O ₃	10-19
Al ₂ O ₃	1-8
CaO	0.5-4
MgO	7-15
BaO	0.1-1.5
at least one oxide from the group As ₂ O ₃ , Sn ₂ O ₃ , SO ₃ , SnO ₂ and CeO ₂ ,	

Table 1 gives specific examples of glass compositions.

The physicochemical properties of the glasses are given in Table 2.

A batch of the above composition is weighed out in the following order: sand, barite, magnesium carbonate, chalk, boric acid, alumina, barium carbonate, antimony trioxide.

The mixture is mixed in a rotary mixer for 5 minutes and tested for uniformity with respect to boric anhydride.

Cooking of the glass is done in a gas furnace with a capacity of 1.8 t at 1570-1590°C.

Items were made in the form of bead molds and tubes of various kinds as well as cylinders 110-120 mm in diameter and up to 750 mm long.

The glasses have improved thermal stability, do not change light transmission in use, and also have improved technological properties: the tendency toward crystallization is reduced, which assures vacuum-tight joints with tungsten or molybdenum.

This set of properties assures the production of articles, in particular cylinders for gas discharge lamps, that withstand

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elevated thermal loads (cylinder temperature to 600°C) and sharp changes of temperature (when heating is switched off and under the effect of atmospheric precipitation).

Table 1.

Оксиды	Состав стекла, вес. %			
	1	2	3	4
SiO ₂	55,0	56,50	55,0	64,5
B ₂ O ₃	17,5	9,50	10,0	5,0
Al ₂ O ₃	17,0	17,00	17,5	10,0
CaO	2,0	5,00	5,0	4,5
MgO	1,0	2,50	2,5	0,5
BaO	7,0	8,50	8,5	15,0
SnO ₂	0,5	-	0,5	-
CeO ₂	-	-	0,5	0,5
As ₂ O ₃	-	0,35	-	-
SO ₃	-	0,65	-	-
Sb ₂ O ₃	-	-	0,5	-

Key: 1 Oxides
2 Composition of glass, wt%

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Table 2.

Свойства стекол	Состав стекла			
	1	2	3	4
КТР 10^{-7} , $^{\circ}\text{C}^{-1}$	36,0	39,0	38,5	37,0
Температура раз- мягчения, $^{\circ}\text{C}$	680	775	760	820
Термостойкость, град $^{\circ}\text{C}$	255	232	225	220
Светопропускание, %, на длине волны, нм				
260	0	0	0	0
280	3,0	0	0	0
300	19,1	2,0	0	0
320	49,4	19,2	2,0	0,3
340	72,5	53,0	53,3	33,5
360	83,5	77,0	83,0	73,1

Key: 1 Properties of glasses
 2 Composition of glass
 3 Coefficient of linear thermal expansion 10^{-7} , $^{\circ}\text{C}^{-1}$
 4 Softening point, $^{\circ}\text{C}$
 5 Thermal stability, $^{\circ}\text{C}$
 6 Light transmission, %, at wavelength, mm

Claims

A glass that contains SiO_2 , B_2O_3 , Al_2O_3 , CaO , MgO , BaO , which is distinguished by the fact that, with the goal of improving thermal stability and preventing solarization of the glass, it additionally contains at least oxide from the group: As_2O_3 , Sb_2O_3 , SO_3 , SnO_2 , CeO_2 , in the following ratio of components, wt%:

SiO_2	55-65
B_2O_3	5-18
Al_2O_3	10-19

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	1-8
CaO	0.5-4
MgO	7-15
BaO	0.1-1.5
and at least oxide from the group As_2O_3 , Sb_2O_3 ,	
SO_3 , SnO_2 , CeO_2 ,	

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